## CLAIMS

- 1. An isolation method for satellite sequences, wherein a genomic DNA is cleaved by a nucleotide sequence-independent method, the isolation method comprising:
- a) obtaining randomly cleaved fragments of the genomic DNA and

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- b) selecting, from the fragments obtained in a), fragments comprising the satellite sequences
- 2. The isolation method of claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence-independent method is a physical cleavage method or an enzymatic cleavage method.
  - 3. The isolation method of claim 2, wherein the physical cleavage method is sonication.
- 4. The isolation method of claim 3, wherein the ends of the genomic DNA that have been fragmented by sonication are to be blunted.
  - 5. The isolation method of claim 4, wherein the ends are to be blunted with DNA polymerase having single strand-specific endonuclease activity and  $3' \rightarrow 5'$  exonuclease activity.
- 6. The isolation method of claim 2, wherein a nucleotide sequence-independent endonuclease is used in the enzymatic cleavage method.
  - 7. The isolation method of claim 6, wherein the nucleotide sequence-independent endonuclease is DNase I.
- 8. The isolation method of claim 1, wherein the satellite sequences are microsatellite sequences.
  - 9. Use of satellite sequences isolated by the isolation method of any one of claims 1 to 8 as DNA markers.